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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11029-review.doc).

Title: Prognostic factors of transarterial chemoembolization combined with microwave ablation in hepatocellular carcinoma

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

(1) Reviewer 1#: "It is unclear what they mean by presence or absence of cirrhosis in 58%? If these many patients did not have any cirrhosis and PHT then what were the reasons for their tumors being unresectable." "Minor points Table one. Tumor size section needs to be corrected."

Response: There were some misunderstanding in "Table one" of our paper! According to the suggestions of reviewer, I had revised my manuscript and deleted the item of "Liver cirrhosis" in "Table one". Referring to "Tumor size(TS)" in table one, "Huge type(10cm > TS)" was revised as "Huge type(10cm < TS)".

(2) Reviewer 2#: "I suggest the Authors to better select their variables, potentially adopting backward selection models, with the intent to minimize the number of possible significant variables. Considering the number of patients and the number of events (deaths), I think no more than 2-3 variables must be detected. In the text, the chapter "univariate analysis" is reported 2 times: I suppose the second time the correct title is "multivariate analysis". Seven figures look to be too much: Authors can incorporate different images in only one plot, or better select the best figures to show. The discussion is long and needs to be better written. English style must be corrected."

Response: According to the suggestions of reviewer, I had deleted the variables "Liver cirrhosis" and "tumor blood supply(TBS)" and there were 13 variables remained in the

revised manuscript. Referring to "RESULT" section, the unsuitable description of "univariate analysis" was revised as "multivariate analysis". I had incorporated different images in only one plot and showed as Figures 2(A-F). I had revised the "DISCUSSION" section and improved the style of English. The details of revision were marked in our revised paper.

2. According to the suggestions of editors, references and typesetting were corrected.

3. From the "BPG's Revision Policies", we found that the section of "Note: If you believe that the language of your manuscript has reached Grade A, you can choose not to have your manuscript edited by the above English language editing companies." The "Language evaluation" of my paper is GradeB(minor language polishing), and I believe that the language of our revised paper has reached Grade A. I had published two papers in WJG(ESPS 1449 and ESPS 1222), and all "Language evaluation" of my papers had reached Grade A. So, I believed that the language of my manuscript(ESPS 11029) has reached Grade A, and I hope my paper can be published in WJG under your help !

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

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